

REMARKS

With the entry of the amendments above, claims 6-10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20-24, 26-35, 40-42, 61 and 62 will be pending in this application.

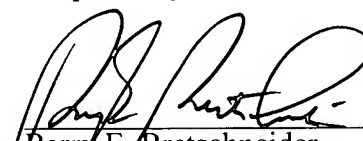
Applicants are filing this amendment in conjunction with the concurrently filed suggestion that an interference be declared between this application and Carbone U.S. Patent No. 6,974,460, issued December 13, 2005. The amendments to claim 6 cause it to be identical to Carbone patent claim 1. The amendment to claim 20 corrects an obvious typographical error. Claims 61 and 62 are copied from Carbone patent claims 13 and 15, respectively. Applicants have canceled claims 11, 15, 19, 25, 59 and 60 without prejudice to their presentation in a continuing application which is already on file.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952, referencing Docket No. 564682000100.

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